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1. DURING RECENT VISIT TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S SCREWORM PLANT AT TUXTLA-GUTIERREZ, AMBASSADOR JOVA WAS ASKED WHETHER THE MEDICAL DIVISION HAD REACHED ANY CONCLUSIONS (FOLLOWING DR. BAKER'S TRIP) ABOUT EXPANDED MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR THE SCREWORM FAMILIES IN THAT RELATIVELY ISOLATED AREA. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR THE STERILE FLY LABORATORY TO BEGIN FULL-SCALE OPERATIONS EARLY 1976. EMPLOYEES NOW NUMBER 16 AND THEIR DEPENDENTS 34, BUT BY YEAR'S END THESE NUMBERS WILL JUMP TO AT LEAST 28 AND 60. THEY MAY GO HIGHER AT SOME LATER DATE.

2. NURSE DOMBKOWSKI SHOULD BE BRIEFED ABOUT THIS SPECIAL MEDICAL CARE PROBLEM AND ABOUT MED'S RECOMMENDATION FOR HANDLING IT, AS WELL AS ABOUT MED'S PLANS FOR POSSIBLY PROVIDING GREATER SERVICES TO OTHER SCREWORM FAMILIES SCATTERED ELSEWHERE IN SOUTHERN MEXICO TOWNS. THE EMBASSY IS ALSO ANXIOUS TO LEARN OF MED'S RECOMENDATIONS SO THAT THE STAFF AT TUXTLA-GUTIERREZ AND THE CONCERNED FAMILIES IN OTHER LOCALITIES CAN BE ALERTED AND GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE WHATEVER ADJUSTMENTS MAY BE REQUIRED.
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